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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-14, 16-20, and 22-25 are currently amended. Claims 10, 15, and 21 were previously presented. Claims 3, and 26-30 are canceled. New claim 31 is added. As a result, Claims 1-2, 4-25, and 31 are pending in the application.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Office Action allows claims 16-21. The Applicant expresses gratitude for the allowance of these claims but notes that amendments have been made to claim 16 in order to clarify the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 3 would be allowable if re-written in Independent Form. In response, the Applicant has included subject matter from claim 3 in each of independent claims 1, 11, and 22. As a result, these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 4-10, and 12-21, 23-25, and 31

Each of claims 2, 4-10, and 12-21, 23-25, and 31 depends directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, 11, or 22 which are each believed to be in condition for allowance. Since claims 2, 4-10, and 12-21, 23-25, and 31 each depend from a claim that is believed to be in condition for allowance, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Cited Art

The pending Office Action cites U.S. Patent Application No. 2005-0141154 (Consadori). The Applicant does not concede that Consadori is prior art for this application and reserves the right to argue that Consadori is not prior art in any further proceeding in this application and/or continuation applications.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone or e-mail the undersigned with any questions.

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